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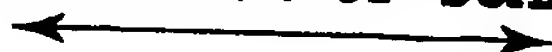
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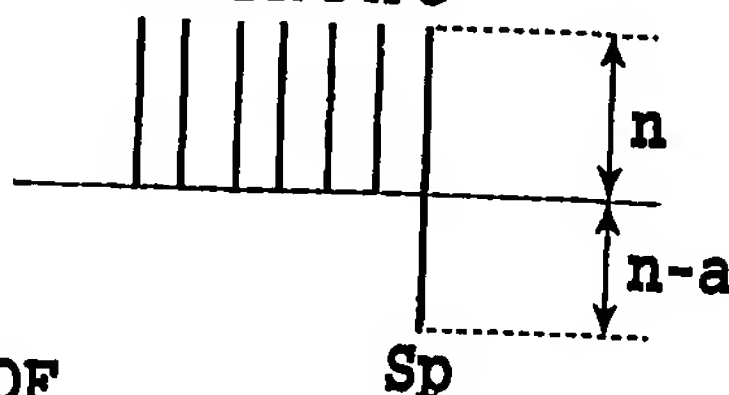
DIRECTION OF SCAN



DIRECTION OF
FEEDING
PRINTING SHEET



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(57) Abstract: A width A of the scanning area of the ink ejection orifices and a width B of the scanning area of the reacting liquid ejection orifices are respectively set as $A = (n - a) \times p$ and $B = n \times p$, while amount of the feeding of the printing sheet during each scan corresponds to the width of the scanning area of the reacting liquid ejection orifices, that is, $A = (n - a) \times p$. With this system, the width of the scanning area, wherein ejection of the reacting liquid precedes ejection of the ink, is made shorter by $C = a \times p$ than the width of following scanning area; the scanning area having the width C is scanned two times by the row of the ink ejection orifices, and the thinning process is applied to this area having the width C.

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